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Date: 1 Dec 89 09:59:00 EDT
From: peraino@gmuvax.gmu.edu
Subject: airport security & nintendo

I don't normally post anything, and I know this isn't really info-hams material, but this STARTED on info-hams, and darn it, this makes me furious.

First, Thanks to Steve for the reply to this letter. Now onto Kenneth:

>From: usc!henry.jpl.nasa.gov!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!jpl-devvax!jenkins@apple.com
> (Steve Jenkins)
>Subject: Nintendo on airplanes!?!?!?!?

>In article <5593@cps3xx.UUCP> hendrick@frith.UUCP (Kenneth J. Hendrickson)
> writes:
>>The Columbian gov't. apparently takes a real dim view of people shipping
>>Nintendo games in their suitcases on airplanes. They took one such
>>suitcase, and blew it up. They thought the Nintendo game was a bomb. I
>>think this is good grounds for suing the gov't.

Oh really? Read on..

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>I am all in favour of
>increased security, but increased stupidity is another matter.

I'm not sure who the stupid one is here. What's wrong with a policy that

says "check out luggage that really looks like it contains a bomb."
I guess if you had your way, the policy would be " Check out luggage
that definitely has a bomb." And how are we supposed to do that?
You sir, are out of your mind. Tell you what, let's put you on a plane
that's about to take off; then, the captain gets on the intercom and says
"Ladies and gentlemen, airport security has informed me that they have
found a piece of luggage on our flight that possibly might contain a bomb,
so our flight is going to be delayed a little bit."
Then, five minutes later, the captain says,
" We're going to take off now, folks. Security has decided to just let
the bag on the plane, because they don't want to be embarassed if it
turns out not to be a bomb."

People like you don't say anything when security doesn't check closely
enough and a bomb gets through, but you bitch about security that
says, "better safe than sorry." I can honestly say that if it were my bag
that blew up, and they told me that I would be reimbursed, I would
not be upset at all. They were doing their jobs. There's no rule which
says a bomb has to exist before taking precautions to check for the
existence of a bomb. You know nothing about security.

Date: 1 Dec 89 08:36:54 GMT
From: agate!shelby!unix!larson@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Alan Larson)
Subject: Broadcast jammers
Message-ID: <6320@unix.SRI.COM>

As I recall, I had heard that most of the Soviet and Eastern European
broadcast jamming stations had been shut down a few years ago. I was
rather suprised to hear what sounds very much like one of them on the
air recently. Hearing another this evening prompted me to write this
note.

Does anyone know the status of these stations? The one I am hearing
right now is operating around 7150 kHz, and identifying with "AG AG"
every 30 seconds.

I am very suprised to hear them back.

Alan

wa6azp larson@sri.com hplabs!sri-unix!larson

Date: 30 Nov 89 17:24:21 GMT

From: abm@MBUNIX.MITRE.ORG (Murphy)
Subject: Custom QSLs - how to
Message-ID: <81423@linus.UUCP>

Mike you are right about the resolution possible when using silk screen to create a QSL. The technique you described sounds much better. Silk screen does have some advantages. they are cheap, fun to make, you are not dependent on someone else to develop or print the final product. I used the silk screen process a few years back. For those interested in some details see QST Dec 1980 - I wrote an article outlining the technique I used- also got the kids involved and got their pictures in the QST.

I'm too lazy nowadays to do it anymore- "storebought" for me 8-)

Alex Murphy
abm@mbunix.mitre.org
WD2T

Date: 1 Dec 89 14:45:46 GMT
From: galaxy.rutgers.edu!andromeda.rutgers.edu!gubernar@rutgers.edu (The Lurker)
Subject: Frequencies for Little Silver, NJ
Message-ID: <Dec.1.09.45.46.1989.1461@galaxy.rutgers.edu>

Sorry for the posting...I lost the e-mail address of this person

Someone e-mailed to me for the frequencies for the town of Little Silver, NJ. Here they are courtesy of Radio Call, by Radio Shack:

Little Silver, NJ Police - 39.460 Mhz

Fire - 154.205 Mhz
154.430 Mhz

Local
Gov't - 158.940 Mhz

The local government is the notation used by Radio Call. It includes departments such as Board of Health, Board of Education, some Police & Fire, etc.

Hope this is valuable...

73
John D. Gubernard
N2JSH

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John D. Gubernard          Call: N2JSH      | _   /|  ACK!  OOP!  PHHT!
Rutgers University - NCAS  | \ 'o.o'    BLEAH!
E-MAIL: gubernar@andromeda.rutgers.edu    | =(___)=
-----|      U      BLOOM COUNTY FOREVER!
"Tell me...have you ever danced with the |-----
  devil in the pale moonlight?" - The Joker |   Go Scarlet Knights  #1!!!!
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DISCLAIMER: These thoughts are not mine...so don't ask where they came from!
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Date: 30 Nov 89 06:25 -0800
 From: haim_eichenbaum%10%hp7400@hplabs.hp.com
 Subject: INFO HAMS REQUEST
 Message-ID: <25286437.0.0.0@HP1900UX.HPDESK>

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Date: 30 Nov 89 02:55:44 GMT
 From: virgin!ubbs-nh!noel@decvax.dec.com (N. Del More)
 Subject: Military Callsign Info Needed
 Message-ID: <325@ubbs-nh.MV.COM>

In article <46f8a000.15840@valley.UUCP> pfluegerm@valley.UUCP (Mike Pflueger) writes:

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 >Here are some of the more interesting (or common) callsigns. I'll assume
 >the meaning of some of the more common acronyms is obvious. Any of the "1"
 >callsigns signifying president aboard can be replaced with "2" for the VP.
 >In some cases, there are 2 callsigns with the same meaning; I show them on
 >the same line.

Gads! Crud or Grunge or whatever the heck his name is is sure to be on your case now!

No doubt he will denounce you to the NSA, FBI, CIA as well as the manufacturer of Hostess Twinkies !

Then he'll write a book and become filthy rich B-)

Good for you!

Noel
KC1RB

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Noel B. Del More | decvax!ubbs-nh!noel
17 Meredith Drive | noel@ubbs-nh.mv.com
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063 | It's unix me son! `taint spozed tah make cents

Date: 1 Dec 89 03:03:55 GMT
From: amdcad!diablo!phil@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Phil Ngai)
Subject: My backyard, your backyard ...
Message-ID: <28213@amdcad.AMD.COM>

In article <6589@lynx.UUCP> neal@lynx.UUCP (Neal Woodall) writes:
|My point was that it is illegal to receive the services without *paying*
|for them. The point I was trying to make is that you have a right to
|receive anything, but that a victimization occurs if you receive a service
|that is intended as a revenue-generating product or service and you do not
|pay the fair market value for the service.

Say I live in Mountain View, CA and an outdoor amphitheatre is built
near me. Concerts are usually loud enough that I can hear them from my
yard. By your logic, I'd have to stay out of my yard and keep my
windows closed if I didn't want to pay.

No way.

In an age where strong encryption against anything but the NSA is
readily available, there is no excuse for satellite users to complain
about unauthorized receivers. Besides, why do you want more
unenforcable laws? More excuses for the government to spy on us to see
if we're breaking any laws.

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Phil Ngai, phil@diablo.amd.com {uunet,decwrl,ucbvax}!amdcad!phil
AT&T Unix System V.4: Berkeley Unix for 386 PCs!

Date: Fri, 01 Dec 89 07:58:38 EDT
From: Mike Owen W9IP/2 <MROWEN%STLAWU.BITNET@CUNYVM.CUNY.EDU>
Subject: RS232 and Turbo Pascal

A while back, I posted a request for information on

how to turn on/off the RTS and CTS lines of RS-232 via Turbo Pascal. I received several kind replies, one of which hit the nail squarely on the head (from Pete, VE7CEI):

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Const  DTRon = $01;    {I use this for the key}
        RTSon = $02;    {This can be PTT}
        Both_on = $03;
        All_off = $00;
        ComPort = $3FC;  {$3FC is Com1, $2FC is Com2}

Begin
    {Etc.}

    Port[ComPort] := DTRon;    {or RTSon, or Both_on, etc}
    .
    .
    .
    Port[Comport] := All_off;  {When you're done}

End.
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Nothing to it.

Date: 1 Dec 89 05:55:40 GMT
From: cs.utexas.edu!usc!merlin.usc.edu!girtab.usc.edu!cyamamoto@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Cliff Yamamoto)
Subject: RS Discone? Good or Bad?
Message-ID: <6786@merlin.usc.edu>

In article <803@crash.cts.com> scotto@pnet01.cts.com (Scott O'Connell) writes:

>The RS discone is cheaper, has a SO-239 connector, has HOLLOW
>aluminum cone elements, AND, no low-band whip. ^^^^^^

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I don't know where you heard this, but the RS discone uses SOLID stainless steel elements (just like Icom's discone)

>The ICOM discone is about \$30 more, has an N-type connector, has
>SOLID stainless steel elements, AND, a low-band whip.

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>So, they're not identical.

Agreed. Someone said they attached a whip to the RS discone using the threaded bolt on top of the "disc" elements. I suppose this would make it somewhat similar to Icom's.

>I hope this is more complete information than has been posted
>in the past. Oh, also, the ICOM comes with 50' of cable and
>N connectors. Maybe with all these little extras the ICOM is
>actually a good deal?

Weeeell.. yes and no (for me at least). The Icom has the whip!
That's the good part. The 50' of cable is RG-8U. Not bad cable
for VHF, but at 800 Mhz it has 9 dB loss per 100ft. I wanted to
listen to 800 and 1200 Mhz so using 9913 cable, I only lose 4 dB
per 100 ft. at 800 Mhz. I made the decision that I'd rather spend
\$30 on good cable rather than a discone with a low-band whip (your
mileage may vary)

Cliff Yamamoto

Date: 1 Dec 89 10:27:06 GMT
From: zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!usc!henry.jpl.nasa.gov!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!jato!
hbe@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Harris Boldt Edelman)
Subject: Scanning food service
Message-ID: <2303@jato.Jpl.Nasa.Gov>

In article <8912010815.AA04489@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU> MROWEN@STLAWU.BITNET ("Mike
Owen, W9IP") writes:

>Regarding the earlier, exhaustive posting regarding
>food service frequencies:

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> For crying out loud, WHO CARES?

I do.

-Harris, KB6OWB

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